

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows with additions shown underlined and deletions shown as strikeouts.

1-10. (CANCELLED)

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A multiline KSU-less telephone system having a plurality of telephones for providing a paging feature, comprising:

a first telephone of the plurality of telephones for selecting a group of telephones from the plurality of telephones in the KSU-less system;

a half duplex channel in the system;

the first telephone initiating a voice message to the group of telephones using the half duplex voice channel in response to a user request; and telephones in the group receive and play the voice message from the first telephone automatically regardless of receiving user action and wherein after playing said voice message, one telephone in the group answering the first telephone initiates a two-way conversation with a user of said first telephone.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 11 wherein at least one of the group of telephones comprising a display for providing an identification number of the first telephone.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 11 wherein the voice message is automatically terminated at a predetermined period.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 12 wherein the two-way communication is initiated by being in an off-hook mode.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A multiline KSU-less telephone system for providing a paging feature, comprising:

a group of telephones in said KSU-less telephone system, each telephone having a speakerphone;

a half duplex channel in said KSU-less telephone system; and

a first telephone, in said KSU-less telephone system, for selecting the group of telephones and initiating a voice message to the group of telephones using said half duplex channel in response to a user request wherein telephones in the group receive and play the voice message from the first telephone automatically through the speakerphone and after hearing said voice message at a respective one of said telephones in said group, anyone can initiate a two-way conversation with a user of said first telephone by answering said respective one of said telephones in said group.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 15, wherein at least one of the group of telephones comprising a display for providing an identification number of the first telephone.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 15, wherein the voice message is automatically terminated after a predetermined period.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 15, wherein the two-way communication is initiated by being in an off-hook mode.